



## August, 2014 Newsletter

### Back to School, Back in the Westside!

The fall semester schedule begins August 25.

As of that date, the office will be located at 2931 S. Sepulveda Blvd. (at National), Suite I, LA, 90064. It is near Hamburger Habit at the 10 / 405 junction. There's literally an acre of free parking in the rear. One-on-one office lessons will be offered Tuesdays and Sundays.



*The arrow marks the entrance to parking and the front lobby.*

I am super excited to be back in the Westside! To give you a little history, my first offices were on Motor Ave from 2005 – 2009. I had already been making Westside house calls since 2001. I also taught at Westside colleges such as SMC and the UCLA Extension. When the college teaching jobs dried up, I could not keep up with Westside rents, so I moved to more-affordable Koreatown. I thought I would establish new K-Town clientele. Unexpectedly, almost all business continued to come from the old neighborhood. This made for five years of very frustrating rush-hour commuting! In the last year especially, business has picked up enough to justify returning to home base. I dedicated

this summer to finding the new Westside location.



You are invited to the **grand opening** celebration on Sunday, September 7 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Come see the new place, mingle, meet Robert, and pick up a voucher for a free office lesson or a double referral bonus.

### GRE, LSAT Test-Prep Classes

This summer's experiment in an organized GRE group class got off to a great start. In the school year, the Saturday class will be shifted to 12 – 3 pm. I will be adding a Sunday class from 6 – 9 pm. The Saturday and Sunday classes each run six weeks, and they are offset from each other by three weeks. The dates of the next Saturday class are 9/06 – 10/11. The first Sunday class will be 9/21 – 10/26. Instructions for registration are on the website.

I intend to add LSAT classes by the spring of 2015, maybe even this fall.

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## Tuesday Rush Hours

My next experiment will be the “Tuesday Rush Hour.” I will try it out initially for one day of the week, from 3 - 5 pm, right after school. During this rush hour period, the office will be open to all students in grades 9+. Each student will log in and out, and the visit will be billed \$10 per quarter-hour or part thereof. This will be a great time to come in and ask a few focused questions. It will also be a good environment for studying solo or in small groups. If Tuesday Rush Hour goes well, it could be expanded to two days per week as well as Midterm Madness / Finals Frenzies. I will also consider offering monthly Rush Hour subscriptions.



## Consultations

You will find a new option on the calendar, “Consultation.” This is a scheduled appointment for a student or parent to talk to me about general tutoring, study skills, or admissions needs. A new client’s first consultation is free for the first 15 minutes. After that, the rate is \$15 / quarter hour. Consultations will be available during Rush Hours and again on Saturday mornings. They may be held in the office or on the phone.



## Dogs in back, please!

Almost all of my house call clients have dogs. They can be distracting at lessons, especially at the beginning. To keep our appointments professional, I would like to ask you to please make sure your dogs are in the back 15 minutes before our appointment time.

## Success Stories

I couldn’t be more proud of Libby Frankel of Windward HS, who scored 30 on her ACT this summer. That is a 95<sup>th</sup> percentile score!



Paige Moelis of Harvard Westlake HS scored a perfect 800 on the math portion of her SAT 2 exam!

## No Longer Accepting Middle Schoolers

My business name, “n<sup>th</sup> Degree,” reflects a focus on higher education. Please make sure that if you refer friends, they are in high school, college, or beyond. The objective minimum is 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Thank you!

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### Current rate reminders

House calls = \$90 / hr\*  
 Office lessons one-on-one = \$60 / hr\*  
 Rush hour lessons = \$10 / quarter-hr  
 GRE classes = \$450 / 6-weeks

\* Summer Discount = 25%